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l. Since Easter the supply of meat has been very short. The population of Bucharest has rarely been able to purchase meat in the state stores, although restaurants are fairly well supplied. On occasion, however, meat has been more available at the state stores, at the expense of the restaurants. It is apparent, moreover, that the Rumanian Government prefers to sell meat in restaurants, where it can get 300 - 400 lei per kilogram, instead of the state stores where the fixed price on ration tickets is 70 lei per kilogram.

- 2. On 22 April, eighteen freight carloads of cattle for Soviet troops in Bucharest arrived at the Gare de Est . The workers at the abattoirs, who had not themselves eaten meat for a long time, refused to unload the meat. These workers were immediately placed under arrest and the freight cars were unloaded by members of the Union of Working Youth (UTH).
- 3. On 24 April, a street car passed a herd of cattle in the city streets. Passengers remarked that the cattle were going to the abattoir but they themselves would never receive a gram of the meat. A civilian, apparently a plainclothes policeman or a Communist, demanded that a worker who had expressed these sentiments should explain himself. The worker thereupon seized this individual by the throat shouting, "Look at mes See the state in which I ami I haven't eaten meat for three months". The other passengers intervened to prevent the civilian from being thrown from the car; he got off at the next stop.

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